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WDA welcomes Larry Bentley

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture would like to welcome Larry Bentley as the Eastern Wyoming Natural Resource Consultant for the Natural Resource and Policy Division.

Bentley will be working on public grazing issues, water quality and quantity concerns, mediation, Endangered and Threatened Species, Conservation District program development, energy conservation, federal lands planning, Coordinated Resource Management (CRM), and a myriad of other natural resource related issues in eastern Wyoming and statewide.

The importance of preserving, developing and enhancing Wyoming's natural resources led Bentley to this position.

"I believe the producers in Wyoming do their best to preserve Wyoming's history of stewardship of the land and its renewable resources, but often don't have the time to make their accomplishments known," Bentley said. "The job of educating the public about these accomplishments belongs to the Natural Resource Division of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, and I am honored to have this opportunity to aid in promoting, improving, and sustaining Wyoming's agriculture industry."

Bentley has been involved in the agriculture industry all of his life. He has a strong emphasis on public lands ranching and a wealth of knowledge about the industry in general. Bentley is extremely experienced in CRM and has successfully initiated and implemented numerous CRMs across the state.

Bentley's involvement with the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) began when he served as a supervisor on the Hot Springs Conservation District board. This relationship continued when Bentley became a founding member of the Kirby Creek CRM.

"Larry is well known across the state and has the ability to bring both producers and agencies together to discuss resources issues toe to toe," WDA Natural Resources Manager, Grant Stumbough, said. "I look forward to working with Larry and feel that he brings a tremendous amount of practical knowledge and expertise to our department."

Bentley is married, has 3 daughters and currently resides in Thermopolis.

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